

SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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FINAL PASSAGE

SB 596 (EMERSON)

The bill would raise fees for chemicals applied to the waters of the state for control of aquatic nuisances. This is expected to raise \$110,000 in fee revenue.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 596 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 596 passed [RC 312:35 yes, 1 no].

HB 4125 (MURPHY) HB 4126 (MURPHY) HB 4479 (GLEASON)

House Bill 4125 would: 1) specify that an anatomical gift made by a will or a document of gift would not be revocable after the death of the donor. 2) Authorize a designated patient advocate to make a gift of all or part of a deceased person's body. 3) Give a patient advocate priority over the other individuals who may make anatomical gifts on behalf of another. 4) Add driver's licenses and State personal identification cards to acceptable documents making an anatomical gift. 5) Require the signature of at least one witness (rather than the signatures of two witnesses) on a document making an anatomical gift.

• HB 4125 passed with IE [RC 317: 35 yes, 0 no].

<u>House Bill 4126</u> would permit an individual making a patient advocate designation to include in it the authority for the advocate to make an anatomical gift of all or part of the individual's body.

• HB 4126 passed with IE [RC 317: 35 yes, 0 no].

<u>House Bill 4479</u> would specify that, if an individual had made an anatomical gift of all or part of his or her body, the gift would not be revocable upon the donor's death and a hospital representative would not be required to make a request for consent to the gift.

• HB 4479 passed with IE [RC 319: 36 yes, 0 no].

HB 4133 (LaJoy) HB 4224 (JAMNICK) The bills would allow a county road commission, a township board, and the Director of the Department of State Police unanimously to establish a speed limit on a county highway.

HB 4133:

• HB 4133 passed with IE [RC 314: 35 yes, 0 no].

HB 4224:

• HB 4224 passed with IE [RC 315: 35 yes, 0 no].

HB 4524 (Ward)

The bill would replace a reference to the tax "expenditure" report with a reference to the tax "credit, deduction, and exemption" report.

• HB 4524 passed with IE [RC 316: 34 yes, 1 no].

HB 4606 (Koetje)

This would allow state political parties to use "soft money" (i.e. union or corporate treasury funds) for the construction, purchase, or renovation of their party headquarters in Ingham county.

- HB 4606 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.
- HB 4606 passed with IE [RC 313: 35 yes, 0 no].

HBs 4732-50 (Bipartisan)

JUDICIARY FEE INCREASE PACKAGE

This is a multi-bill package that will make a number changes in court fees and assessments, not only increasing the amounts in many cases, but also changing the process for collection and distribution of the money.

Support: Michigan Municipal League, State Court Administrative Office.

Opposed: Michigan Advocacy Project and the Michigan Trial Lawyers are opposed to the District Court fee increase.

HB 4732:

- HB 4732 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.
- HB 4732 passed with IE [RC 302: 36 yes, 0 no].

HB 4733:

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- HB 4733 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 4733 passed with IE [RC 303: 36 yes, 0 no].

HB 4735:

- HB 4735 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.
- HB 4735 passed with IE [RC 304: 36 yes, 0 no].

HB 4736:

• HB 4736 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

• HB 4736 passed with IE [RC 305: 36 yes, 0 no].

HB 4741:

- HB 4741 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.
- HB 4741 passed with IE [RC 306: 36 yes, 0 no].

HB 4743:

- HB 4743 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.
- HB 4743 passed with IE [RC 307: 36 yes, 0 no].

HB 4745:

- HB 4745 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.
- HB 4745 passed with IE [RC 308: 36 yes, 0 no].

HB 4746:

- HB 4746 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.
- HB 4746 passed with IE [RC 309: 36 yes, 0 no].

HB 4748:

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- HB 4748 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 4748 was passed for the day.

HB 4749:

- HB 4749 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.
- HB 4749 passed with IE [RC 310: 36 yes, 0 no].

HB 4750:

- HB 4750 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.
- HB 4750 passed with IE [RC 311:36 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

SB 189 (Hammerstrom)

The bill would require that, beginning one year after the bill's effective date, social workers obtain a license, rather than a registration or certification, from the State.

Support: Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Michigan Association of Social Workers (MASSW), Michigan Psychological Association, Michigan Psychiatric Society, Michigan Health and Hospital Association.

- Hammerstrom 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 189 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 4522 (Rocca)

Currently, a candidate files a post-election statement with either the county clerk or the secretary of state, depending upon which of those two officials issued the candidate his or her certificate of election. Under this bill, a candidate would file his or her post-election sworn statement with the same official with whom the

candidate's committee campaign statements were filed This would close a loophole in the election process. It would force local officials in large communities to file affidavits. Under current law, they do not have to file this documents.

• HB 4522 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.